

## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – Wakf Properties in Andhra Pradesh Constitution of District Wakf Protection Committees with Senior Revenue, Police Officials and others to strengthen and enforce the existing arrangements to protect Wakf Lands in the State - Orders Issued.

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### MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 18

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.19 Minority Welfare (General) Department Dt: 22.05.2002.
2. G.O.Ms.No.59 Minority Welfare (Wakf- II) Dept, dated: 22-04-1997.
3. G.O.Ms.No.374 Revenue (SER-I) Dept, dated: 25-06-2002.
4. G.O.Ms.No.6 Minority Welfare (Wakf III) Dept, dated: 12-03-2007.

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### ORDER

Government orders cited above may be perused. It is observed that there has been an increase in organised grabbing of valuable Wakf lands in State by antisocial elements organisation for their unlawful gains. There are concerted attempts on the part of certain persons/groups/institutions operating individually and in groups to grab Wakf lands either by force or by deceit or to involve Wakf lands in litigations.

2. Keeping the above in view, certain directions were issued in the G.O's read above to curb the grabbing of Wakf Lands. The Government had constituted District task force committees in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above for reviewing the status of Wakf lands and safe-guarding these properties. It is noticed that no reviews were conducted at District level by the committee and minimum importance is attached to Wakf monitoring by the District administration.

3. As such Government hereby order for constitution of District Wakf Protection Committee at District Level consisting of Senior Revenue, Police and other District Officials to review and enforce the existing arrangement to protect Wakf Lands in the State.

1. District Collector	Chairman
2. District Superintendent of Police	Member
3. Joint Collector	Member
4. District Revenue Officer / District Wakf Officer	Member & Convenor
5. Sub-Collector/RDOs (Head Quarters)	Member
6. Municipal Commissioner (Head Quarter)	Member
7. District Panchayat Officer	Member
8. Executive Engineer (R&B) (Head Quarter)	Member
9. District Minority Welfare Officer	Member
10. Assistant Director (S&LR)	Member
11. District Registrar	Member
12. Divisional Forest Officer	Member

4. The District Minority Welfare Officer shall furnish the latest information through District Revenue Officer with regard to the encroachments to the District Wakf Protection Committee for taking stringent action against the encroachers/grabbers of Wakf Lands, and to review status and Action Taken on a monthly basis.
5. The District Wakf Protection Committee shall arrange to keep a special watch over the eviction of encroachments and prevention of further encroachments of Wakf Lands, by acting in a coordinated manner with all concerned departments. The District Wakf Protection Committee shall meet once in a month and submit a Status Report to the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Department every month by 3<sup>rd</sup> of the succeeding month indicating the encroachments identified and measures taken by them regarding the eviction and safeguarding of the Wakf lands in the respective Districts.
6. The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Department shall review the performance of the Districts in the protection of Wakf properties and removal of encroachments and other Wakf aspects on a monthly basis and submit report to Government.
7. The District Wakf Protection Committee formulated above will assist the Wakf Board in safe guarding Wakf lands and also give suggestions for development of Wakf lands, to maximise income generation to the Wakf Board.
8. The Committee should review and order for cancellation of Occupancy Right Certificates and the Patta pass books issued in the name of individuals over Wakf lands and restore the name of Wakf institutions by implementing the provisions of Inam Abolition Act and also launch criminal prosecution against the occupiers in the interest of protection of Wakf lands.
9. The Superintendent of Police of District to extend support in the removal of encroachments, and for registering criminal cases against encroachers under provisions of IPC/CRPC/ Wakf Act, and even Prevention of corruption Act, as may be relevant.
10. The District Revenue Officer/District Wakf Officer shall prepare and maintain a list of Wakf Institutions in the District and communicate the same to the District Registrar and he shall in turn get it entered in the POB register and ensure no Wakf land is registered in private transactions.
11. The Joint Collector shall arrange for insertion of Wakf Institutions details in Revenue Records and also monitor disposal of cases related to Wakf in the Revenue courts.
12. The Municipal Commissioner/DPO shall not permit construction of private buildings on Wakf lands without NOC from the Wakf Board.
13. The District Wakf Officer shall be provided with one clerk-cum-typist to assist him in correspondence and to maintain files etc., by the Wakf Board.

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14. All the District Collectors are requested to monitor and take necessary action in the matter and furnish Monthly reports to the Commissioner Minority Welfare in the prescribed format.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

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SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
All District Collectors.

All the concerned.

Copy to:-

The Spl.Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of land Administration,  
A.P at Hyderabad.

The Revenue Department.

The Home Department.

The M.A &U.D, Department.

The Forest Department

The Chief .Executive Officer. A.P. State Wakf Board, Hyderabad .

The Spl. Secretary to CM.

SC/SF.

**// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //**

**SECTION OFFICER**